AgileAlliance

www.agilealliance.org/home

The AgileAlliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the concepts of agile software development, and helping organizations adopt those concepts, which are outlined by the Agile Software Development Manifesto and can be found on this Web site. The AgileAlliance was designed to be lightweight, initially consisting of a board of directors, one administrator, and a set of bylaws. Just like agile processes, all work and operations within the AgileAlliance is intended to emerge from subsets of members that self-organize into programs.

Agile Development Conference

http://agiledevelopmentconference.com

The Agile Development Conference is a conference on delivering fit-for-purpose software under shifting conditions, using people as the magic ingredient. A number of techniques, practices, and processes have been identified to do this, and more will be found in the future. This conference will discuss people working together to create software, and the tools, techniques, practices, and issues involved. Come here to learn, or, even better, to name them. This conference has recently been funded and is still being organized. Read the conference vision and structure and the request for participation.

Crystal Methodologies

www.alistair.cockburn.us/crystal

Crystal collects together a self-adapting family of "shrink-to-fit," human-powered software development methodologies based on these understandings:

- Every project needs a slightly different set of policies and conventions, or methodology.
- The workings of the project are sensitive to people issues, and improve as the people issues improve, individuals get better, and their teamwork gets better.
- Better communications and frequent deliveries communication reduce the need for intermediate work products.

This site is a resource for people wanting to understand those ideas, to find more about improving skills and teaming, and to identify some project policies to use as a starting point. This site is set up as a museum of information, with exhibit halls, exhibit rooms, exhibits with notes, and a discussion area.

North Carolina State University

www.csc.ncsu.edu

The North Carolina State University's (NCSU's) Computer Science Department cites strengths in the areas of software systems, communications and performance analysis, theory and algorithms, and computer architecture. Founded in 1967, NCSU's is one of the oldest computer science departments in the country and the only one at a state-assisted Research I University. The university hosts a small workshop, "Agile Software Development Methodologies: Raising the Floor or Lowering the Ceiling" at <http://collaboration.csc.ncsu. edu/agile>.

XBreed

www.xbreed.net/index.html

XBreed is the product of mixing SCRUM, eXtreme Programming (XP) and Alexanderian ideas. Information technology is the result of developing multiple applications and shared components as fast as humanly possible. Combining Scrum and XP was very natural: Scrum provides a solid management framework, while XP provides a basic but complete set of engineering practices. The result is a lean but very effective way to run software projects. In addition, Scrum practiced at the application team level – provided a shared resources team is involved – can lead to re-usability. XBreed is a free method. This Web site includes everything you need to know to run XBreed projects.